Amendments to the Specification

Please amend paragraph [0027] as follows: " . . . between a cable system headend 102 and a plurality of cable modems (CM) 108a-108n via a communications network 106 . . . ."

Please amend paragraph [0037] as follows: " . . . In an embodiment, a downstream synchronous dynamic random access memory (SDRAM) 230 is used to support packaging, handling, and storage of output queues received from the CMTS MAC 210."